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SERVICES

Family Law

Allison Schreiber Lee

SHAREHOLDER IN CLAYTON, MO

Allison Schreiber Lee is a seasoned trial attorney who focuses her practice on family law and domestic relations. Allison has extensive experience in representing men and women in high conflict custody and high asset property division matters. Allison has counseled clients in matters involving mental health and addiction concerns, and emotional, verbal and physical abuse issues. She has represented individuals who have themselves or have spouses with personality disorders (including narcissistic personality disorder and borderline personality disorder), mental health challenges, and a history of addiction. Allison has also worked with many families on custody issues related to children who have special needs; taking into account a child's special needs or challenges is an important consideration in any custody dispute.

Allison's prior employment as a child abuse prosecutor also provides her with particular insight into the investigation and allegations of child abuse. She has worked with clients both to protect their children from abusers, and to protect the rights of those wrongfully accused of both physical and sexual abuse in family law and Children's Division matters. In May of 2023, Allison was appointed as a special prosecuting attorney by the Circuit Court of the City of St. Louis to prosecute contempt charges against former Circuit Attorney, Kimberly Gardner, who announced her resignation the day after Allison's appointment.

Allison's representation includes divorces, paternity matters, motions to modify child support, child custody, and maintenance, prenuptial and post-nuptial agreements, and in seeking and defending against Orders of Protection. Her representation of both husbands and wives allows her a distinctive understanding of what the other side is planning in litigation. Allison has defended clients who are being investigated by the Department of Social Services, Children's Division, including appearing in front of the Child Abuse and Neglect Review Board (CANRB), and trials de novo in the circuit court. She has been lead counsel in more than 40 jury trials and was co-lead counsel in one. Allison has also worked with many families on custody issues related to children who have special needs; taking into account a child's special needs or challenges is an important consideration in any custody dispute.

Allison is the author of the book *Co-parenting ABCs: Effective tips from a divorced divorce lawyer and parent*. Allison is Board Certified in Family Law by the National Board of Trial Advocacy in Family Law. Approximately three percent of American lawyers are board-certified. At the time of her certification, there are only 24 attorneys in the state of Missouri who were certified by the NBTA, and Ms. Lee was the only one Board Certified in the area of Family Law. She is also only the second woman in Missouri to be Board Certified by the National Board of Trial Attorneys.

Allison is a Fellow in the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers. The Academy Fellows are highly skilled negotiators and litigators who represent individuals in all facets of family law. These areas include divorce, annulment, prenuptial agreements, postnuptial agreements, marital settlement agreements, child custody and visitation, business valuations, property valuations and division, alimony, child support, and other family law issues. Allison has also been selected as a SuperLawyer™ in Missouri and as a SuperLawyer™ Top 50 Women Attorneys in Missouri and Kansas. Allison has also received a *Missouri Lawyers Weekly*, Women's Justice Award for Litigation.

In her representation of businesses and individuals, Allison has been responsible for all phases of litigation, from extensive pre-trial work through acting as lead counsel in complex trials. She has led the investigation and preparation of document-intensive multi-party products liability litigation from inception to trial. She has taken and defended depositions of a wide variety of expert and lay witnesses. She has appeared in federal and state courts throughout Missouri. Her representation of businesses and individuals allows Allison to provide her clients with a broad understanding of many facets of the law.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis

Florida Bar Association

Missouri Bar Association

National Board of Trial Advocacy in Family Law

St. Louis County Bar Association

Women's Lawyer Association

EDUCATION

J.D., Washington University School of Law

B.A., American University

LICENSURE(S) AND ADMISSION(S)

Missouri

Florida

CIVIC ACTIVITIES

Haven House St. Louis

Legal Services of Eastern Missouri

Washington University School of Law, Volunteer Lawyers & Accountants Association

PRESENTATIONS

Presenter, Missouri Bar's CLE, Practical Evidence for Civil Litigators: Real-World Applications (2015)

Presenter, Missouri Bar's CLE Basics of Family Law at the "Stepping Up & Stepping Out" conference (2014, 2015)

Speaker, BAMSL, "Allegations of Abuse: addressing fact from fiction in family law matters" (June 2016)

Speaker, BAMSL, "Missouri's New Shared Custody Law (June 2017)

Mediator, Missouri Bar's CLE, "Evidence at Trial: Everything You Do Matters, So It Should Be Genuinely Valuable and Evidentiary Rules Affecting Experts" (May 2018)

PUBLICATIONS

Author, "Co-parenting ABCs: Effective tips from a divorced divorce lawyer and parent"

RECOGNITION

MARTINDALE-HUBBELL®

AV Preeminent® Peer Review Rating™

Given by attorneys who have interacted with Allison during her legal career.

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF MATRIMONIAL LAWYERS

Fellow

MISSOURI & KANSAS SUPER LAWYERS

Super Lawyer

Top 50 St. Louis Lawyer

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Super Lawyer

Top 50 Women Attorneys in Missouri and Kansas

MISSOURI LAWYERS WEEKLY

Women's Justice Award

Litigation

2024

BEST LAWYERS IN AMERICA

Best Lawyer

Family Law

2022

MISSOURI & KANSAS SUPER LAWYERS

Super Lawyer

Family Law

2020

MISSOURI LAWYERS WEEKLY

The Power List Power30 Attorneys

Family Law

2015

NATIONAL ACADEMY OF FAMILY LAW ATTORNEYS

Top 10 Attorney Award

State of Missouri

2013

WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

International Women's Day Honoree

2009

MISSOURI LAWYERS WEEKLY

Up & Coming Attorney